Statement

Percentage of Population below Poverty Line by States—1993-94 (as per the Official Methodology)

Sl. No.	States	Rural		Urban	
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26.02	25.66	43.82	46.88
2.	Assam	45.38	41.44	14.34	7.11
3.	Bihar	70.66	69.75	55.16	35.76
4.	Gujarat	32.26	31.20	44.99	35.47
5.	Haryana	46.56	41.55	23.58	0.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	36.89	63.94	18.52	0.00
7.	Karnataka	46.36	37.33	61.59	62.05
8.	Kerala	36.43	37.34	31.59	1.08
9.	Madhya Pradesh	45.83	56.69	65.00	65.28
10.	Maharashtra	51.64	50.58	52.56	61.06
11.	Orissa	48.95	71.26	47.45	64.85
12.	Punjab	22.08	27.00	27.96	0.00
13.	Rajasthan	38.38	46.23	48.63	13.21
14.	Tamil Nadu	44.05	44.37	61.50	30.08
15.	Uttar Pradesh	58.99	37.11	58.02	36.89
16.	West Bengal	45.29	61.95	37.73	19.41
	ALL INDIA	48.11	51.94	49.48	41.14

N.B. (i) The estimates are based on the methodology outlined in the Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor.
(ii) The poverty line for all population is used for SC's and ST's.
(iii) All India poverty ratio is worked out from the NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all-India poverty line.

Action against erring officers in Implementing MPLAD Scheme

245. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that as per norms issued by Government, concerned M.Ps, recommendations for use/spending amounts sanctioned under MPLAD Scheme are to be executed by the Collector concerned;

(b) if so, the details of action that can be taken against the erring collectors; and

(c) whether any action has since been taken/initiated contemplated against Collector of Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh) for violation of norms in regard to purchase of computers for schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF-

FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes Sir. The Distt. Collector is required to implement works recommended by the MP by following the established procedures prevelent in the respective state.

(b) In particular cases the matter is referred to the state Govt. concerned for taking action against erring officials.

(c) The Hon'ble MP has given a notice of breach of privilege under Rule 187 of the Rules & Procedure to Rajya Sabha Sectt. against the Distt. Collector of Bilaspur (MP). The comments received from the Distt. Collector Bilaspur have already been forwarded to Rajya Sabha Sectt. on 26.02.1998.

Recasting of Draft Outline of Ninth Five Year Plan

246. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft outline of the Ninth Five Year Plan is proposed to be recast;

(b) whether the issue of economic self-reliance will be taken into account while restructuring planning in the country; and

(c) whether the respective roles of the public and private sectors in national economic planning will also be spelt afresh in the final version of the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan was approved unanimously by the National Development Council (NDC) in its meeting held on 16th January, 1997. The draft Ninth Five Year Plan, (1997—2002), approved at internal meetings of the Planning Commission was released on March 1, 1998 by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. This Plan is yet to be considered by the National Development Council. The Government has decided to review this Draft so as to suitably reflect the altered priorities, as enunciated in the Natiopnal Agenda for Governance which inter alia includes aspects relating to self-reliance and roles of public and private sectors in national economic planning.

Unemployment Situation in the Country

247. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any appraisal regarding unemployment situation in the country at the end of the Eighth Plan, both in the organised and unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of jobs created against the targets in these sectors;

(d) the backlog at the end of the Eighth Plan, if any;

(e) the reasons for failure to achieve the targets during the plan period;

(f) the number of unemployed likely to be added during the Ninth Plan period; and

(g) the strategy formulated by Government for providing employment to the maximum number of job seekers during the Ninth Plan?